

REMARKS

Claims 30, 31, 33, 37, 38 and 49-67 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, previously-withdrawn claims 34-36, 39-41 and 44-48 are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

In a March 11, 2004 telephone conference with the Applicants' representative, Examiner Ton indicated that canceling non-elected, previously-withdrawn claims 34-36, 39-41 and 44-48 would place this application in condition for allowance. Therefore, as indicated in the March 16, 2004 telephone conference with Examiner Ton, Applicants hereby cancel claims 34-36, 39-41 and 44-48 to place the application in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 30, 31, 33, 37, 38 and 49-67 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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